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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7974

BILL NUMBER: SB 564

DATE PREPARED: Jan 19, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Child Care in Women's Shelters.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
X FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill amends the definition of "child caring institution" to include a residential facility that provides: (1) treatment for individuals with substance abuse or an addiction; and (2) child care for the individual's children.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill would revise the definition of a "child caring institution" to include residential substance abuse or addictions treatment programs. These facilities provide child care services for which the family may be eligible to receive Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) vouchers if they were in a different setting. However, the facilities do not meet the current definition of an eligible child care facility because the parent is on the premises (although in treatment).

This bill would expand the number of providers of child care services eligible to receive child care vouchers from the state-administered program. The Child Care and Development Fund provides funds to each of the 92 counties to develop and implement a voucher system and child care contract system for income eligible parents with children age 13 years and under. These 100% federal funds provide income eligible parents with full or partial reimbursement of their child care costs. The Bureau of Child Development reported 48,371 children receiving CCDF vouchers as of June 1999. The waiting list for services was reported to be 7,952 for the same point in time. The federal block grant is a capped source of funding. The provisions of the bill may put additional pressure on the limited source of child care funds available, but they would not result in the necessity to provide additional funds.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: The Family and Social Services Administration, Division of Family and Children.

Local Agencies Affected: Local Step Ahead Councils and voucher agents.

Information Sources: Susan Preble, Legislative Liaison for FSSA, (317)-232-1149.
Division of Family and Children, "Selected Assistance Programs Demographic Trend Report for State Fiscal Year 1999". "Seek and Demand Quality Child Care", Child Care Marketing and Information Distribution, prepared by the Division of Family and Children.